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EDITORIAL

THE QUEST OF QUIETNESS.

If the example of our Lord has to us the supreme value which we accord it in our statements of Christian belief, certainly the quality of serenity which was in him must be given its true place in our own natures. When attention is given to the utterances of both our Lord and his apostles it is perceived that they insisted upon the necessity of acquiring this very characteristic if the law of Christ was to have due supremacy in character. Jesus warned his disciples against anxiety. "Take no thought for the morrow," said he, and while these words can never be pressed into a doctrine of indifference regarding due and appropriate provision for the future, they must be considered as the direct provision for the future, they must be considered as the direct and emphatic protest against all forms of anxiety that rob human life of its power of achievement. Most of the evils which we dread are of the imagination. The mountain passes that seemed so terrible before us really sink and become plains when we approach them in the spirit of faith. The lions in the pathway we discover to be chained, as did the pilgrim of Bunyan's dream, and the deep and swiftly running streams are quite fordable by the assistance of our divine Guide. Anxiety is a wasting of strength in apprehension of troubles which are perhaps likely not to come. We have a way of crossing our bridges before we come to them, and thus of inviting discouragement and collapse when there is really no occasion.

The ringing word of cheer addressed to the Philip-
pian believers is, "In nothing be anxious." Foresight and provision are necessary and admirable, but anxiety never. Even those crises in life which are most real if met in the spirit of courage are likely to yield themselves to solution where anxiety would unnerve and strip one of his power. The secret of serenity which was in Christ and which in him became the means of conquest over annoyance and irritation is the Christian's secret of a happy life. Business troubles, sickness and many other causes of depression yield to a calm and quiet spirit that is informed with faith and resolute through love. That mind which was in Christ Jesus is the secret of serenity and power.

It must also be remembered that those annoyances which come to us from others are oftentimes the results of certain concessions which we make to anxi-

ety and fretfulness and are thus in a measure invited. Emerson well says: "The Power men possess to annoy me I give them by a weak curiosity. No man can come near me but through my act," and St. Bernard says: "Nothing can work me damage except myself. The harm that I sustain I carry about with me, and am never the real sufferer but by my own fault."

The causes of discontent lie generally in a certain shallowness of nature and narrowness of vision by means of which one is limited to inadequate sources of enjoyment or prevented from perceiving much of the real satisfaction there is in the Christian life. No one can be a pessimist or indulge in the habit of depression without thereby ignoring the great opportunities for happiness which lie on every side, and while happiness can never be considered the supreme end of life, yet it grows naturally from the right use of powers and proper adjustment to the program of Christ. He is as foolish who considers that happiness is the thing most to be desired as is he who regards suffering as a necessary state, and devotes himself through this misguided belief to austerity and self-deprivation.

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow
Is our destined end or way,"

but such a recognition of the divine purposes that life becomes radiant through service. Happiness which is not the result of frivolity but of a large and serene view of life and an attempt to conform one's self to its requirements is a good greatly to be desired. On the other hand, sadness which comes from sin and from the troubles that sin brings into human experience is not unexpected nor necessarily evil so long as it does not breed discontent. George Eliot says: "I hold all indulgence in sadness that has the slightest tincture of discontent as a great delinquency."

It might be thought that one of the justifications for perfect serenity on the part of Jesus was his consciousness of fulfilling completely the Father's purposes for his life whereby there came a total absence of any element of inadequacy in his service. How is it possible for us who find every day marked by certain delinquencies in our conduct to be ever satisfied or calm? It is true that we cannot expect that quiet which comes out of perfect attainment, yet one may accept the Savior's plan of doing each day its appointed task as our small power gives us the ability to do, and thus fulfilling Browning's ideal expressed in "Sordello":

"to do his best

With means so limited, and let the rest
Go by."

Such a contentment, which is not inconsistent with

the consciousness of greater possibilities, may be enjoyed by every follower of Christ and may thus prove the means of attaining that serenity which was also his.

OTHERS PLANNING TOO.

The Rev. John S. McIntosh, D. D., of Philadelphia, representing the Presbyterian general assembly's committee on evangelistic work, is in Kansas City to confer with the pastors and elders of the Presbyterian churches in regard to his work. Yesterday he preached two strong sermons, in the morning at the Second and in the evening at the First Presbyterian church. To-day at 12 o'clock he will be given a luncheon at the Coates house, which will be attended by the Presbyterian pastors and elders of the city. As a result of Dr. McIntosh's visit it is expected that arrangements will be made to bring Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman of New York here for a general conference with church people for the purpose of arousing interest in evangelistic work. If Dr. Chapman comes here he will be accompanied by John H. Converse, the Philadelphia millionaire, who is president of the Baldwin Locomotive works. Mr. Converse is chairman of the general assembly's committee on evangelistic work and for the last two years has given \$25,000 a year to the work—*Kansas City Star*, Nov. 10, '02.

From the above several very interesting facts will be observed:

1. That others besides ourselves are awakening to the importance of greater and more systematic efforts to evangelize the people of our great and growing nation. It will soon be a clear conviction to most earnest observers that no really competent effort has ever yet been made in this direction. It ought also to be seen that no mere denominational effort can ever accomplish this desired result. The kingdom of God, being essentially undenominational, cannot be successfully propagated by denominational methods. Until Christian men everywhere see this, well-intentioned efforts will continue to be made only to abort, in so far as their main purpose is concerned. They will do much good, but not the main good intended.

The Presbyterians are making a systematic business of evangelizing. They are not leaving this important department to unorganized, individual effort. They have their "committee on evangelization." This committee is sending its agents to organize evangelistic campaigns in the large towns and cities. The best evangelists they can command are called out and put in charge of the campaigns when they are undertaken. This is very wise. It will unquestionably bear fruit. We shall watch for the results in Kansas City with keen interest.

3. It will be seen that the conference of Mr. John S. McIntosh with Kansas City Presbyterians was only preliminary to another to be held later on. This is to be with J. Wilbur Chapman, a man of large experience and success as an evangelist, and Mr. John H. Converse of Philadelphia as leaders. Evidently the purpose of this second conference is to bring the Presbyterians of the city into personal touch with Mr. Converse, and the reason for this is that he may communicate some of his interest in converting men to Christ, to his brethren. He gives \$25,000 annually to evangelization. He will talk to other rich Presbyterians about the matter. He will induce them, if possible, to join him in this splendid use of money. Here is a point for our people to ponder. Where is our rich man who will come to the front and lay down \$10,000 to \$25,000 to evangelize America, and then go out and help find others to join him in giving? Let no one imagine this to be impossible. Something like it is sure to come. We are beginning to see large things

and the next thing will be to do large things. We suggest that our committee on evangelization appointed at Omaha, communicate with the committee of which Mr. Converse is chairman. They are almost certain to get some pointers for their report to be made at Detroit.

THE VISITOR.

The news of Joseph Parker's death following so closely upon that of Hugh Price Hughes will remind all who have some knowledge of English religious life that two most notable figures have been removed by death from scenes in which they were active and influential. Dr. Hughes was probably the best-known minister of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. He had all the sterling qualities of his Welsh ancestry and had for many years been the most commanding figure in the Wesleyan ranks in London. His audiences at St. James' Hall, Piccadilly, were the most notable gatherings in the metropolis. One had to go early to secure a seat on Sunday night. Nor was Price Hughes known merely as a preacher, though a preacher he was essentially, no matter what the task to which he had laid his hand. But he recognized the duty of the preacher not only to proclaim the gospel in its eternal truth, but to apply it vigorously to present-day life. He was the prophet of righteousness crying aloud and sparing not upon questions which demanded public thought. Though suffering with that malady which finally carried him off, he took active interest in the agitation over the education bill and lent voice and pen to the movement for religious freedom. We believe that Dr. Hughes never visited the States, but it was one of his cherished hopes that this might be his privilege. We are distinctly the losers by his death, and England will long wait for another voice to speak in just the tones of this well-known and influential preacher.

A still more notable figure was Dr. Parker. No one who ever looked at the man would be likely to forget him. Massive in frame, with a great dome of a head crowned with hair which seemed like the mane of a lion, he impressed all who saw him with the ruggedness and strength of his personality. His life story had been written several times. Albert Dawson has an excellent volume on the subject, and Dr. Adamson of Windermere has more recently published a study of the great preacher. Dr. Parker himself wrote his autobiography, and there will probably be many other volumes appearing, now that he is gone. His career was one of phenomenal success. He began his more conspicuous work at Cavendish Chapel, Manchester. During his ministry there the membership of the church grew rapidly in numbers, and Dr. Parker established in connection with the church the Theological College for the training of young men as preachers. This school later became the Nottingham Congregational Institute, and is probably to-day the most numerous attended Congregational college in England and stands only second to Mansfield College, Oxford, in importance.

More than twenty years ago Dr. Parker went to London and soon gathered a congregation which compelled the erection of the City Temple with a seating capacity of some three thousand, which has become increasingly through the years the "non-conformist cathedral" of London. Here the great meetings of the free churches have been held; but in every case Dr. Parker was himself the commanding

figure. One remembers with certain kindling of the emotions that great day in the spring of 1900 which was the three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Oliver Cromwell. It was a field-day for the non-conformists in England. Services were held all day at the City Temple, and in the morning Dr. Parker preached that notable sermon in which he denounced those particular evils of the time which he felt demanded instant and drastic remedy. It was on that occasion that he exhibited with strong emotion the certificate of his wife's burial, across the face of which there was stamped in broad letters the insulting word "Unconsecrated" as the sign of that legal disability under which non-conformity still rests in England. The Sultan of Turkey, whom Mr. Gladstone had only recently called the "Great Assassin," came in for a share of the preacher's execration which reached the limit of denunciation bordering on profanity.

Dr. Parker had all the faults as well as the virtues of a great nature. He was a supreme egotist. He never stopped to argue that he was the greatest man in England, he simply conceded it. But his conceit was so colossal and so child-like that it never irritated, and it had enough basis of fact in his own greatness to permit it to pass harmlessly. No man could preach for twenty years to audiences that filled the City Temple to its capacity twice on Sunday and again on Thursday noon without being a strong, vital and helpful preacher. Men came away from their offices on the Thursday to sit for an hour under his teachings, not because he was a rhetorician, though such was the case, or because of the eccentricities of his manner, though such he had in abundance, but because they got from him an uplifting and inspiring word to help them through the work of the week. All that makes the preacher really strong and effective, the gift of impressive and majestic eloquence, the dogmatic self-assertion that brooks no questioning, and the deep, rich personal experiences from which he brings to other men a refreshment as of water from a fountain, were qualities that were found admirably mingled in Joseph Parker.

GLANCE AT THE GLOBE.

The Grand Duke Michael, heir to the throne of Russia, is reported to be seriously ill.

Hungary has recently completed her new parliamentary building, which cost seven million.

The Episcopal churches of New York are planning for a great religious revival and awakening this winter.

The Chicago anarchists held the fifteenth anniversary of the Haymarket riot executions on last Tuesday.

Socialism increased its vote from 86,000 votes cast for Eugene V. Debs in 1900 to more than 400,000 cast this year.

Comparative statistics recently published show that tuberculosis is more common in Russia than in any other country.

The Board of Education of Chicago has appropriated \$325,000 for the erection of the proposed Chicago Teachers' College.

The two dioceses of the Episcopal Church in Indiana are on record as favoring the change of the name of the organization.

An examination will be held soon in Boston to submit tests to candidates for the positions of teachers of millinery in the public schools.

The finishing touches are being put upon the new Transcontinental Railway, to connect Paris with Peking. Traffic will begin next year.

The Crown Prince of Siam sent a telegram today to President Roosevelt thanking him for courtesies shown by Americans during his tour.

The teamsters and milkmen of Chicago are planning to carry on a crusade with the purpose of securing the observance of Sunday as a rest day for all.

The fire department of New York city is making a war on the use of parlor matches. Thirteen hundred fires last year have been traced to their use.

The Ministerial Alliance of Salt Lake City is making preparation for a fight against Apostle Reed Smoot, a Mormon, to the United States Senate.

The latest in aeronautic ventures is the trial trip of the Lebandy airship, invented in France. A speed of twenty-five knots per hour was accomplished.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the famous Austrian surgeon, is now at Cornell Medical College, giving exhibitions of operations for congenital dislocation of the hip.

Herr Krupp, the richest man in Germany, is planning to prosecute a leading German Socialist paper for publishing an article reflecting upon the ironmaster.

Rev. Thomas Van Ness, in the "Christian Register," states that Spain is taking great strides in trade and industry. He predicts a "new era" for the Spaniards.

General Booth, the Salvation Army leader, making a three months' tour in America, has been stirring up great enthusiasm by his appearances before Chicago audiences.

Leland Stanford University in California is to have a new gymnasium to cost \$500,000, and a library containing 1,000,000 volumes, besides twenty-four department libraries.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who was sent by the Navy Department to investigate conditions in the interior of China, reports that there is little probability of another Boxer uprising.

It is reported that Gov. Taft, of the Philippine Commission, in his annual report to the government, will suggest that the currency, which is now in a very deplorable state, be put on a gold basis.

Booker T. Washington, the educator of the colored race, in a recent address, stated that "in agriculture lies one of the principal means for the uplifting and betterment of the negro race in this country."

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THE FEDERATION OF CHURCHES.

E. B. SANFORD.

What It Means.

The above title is now used to designate a movement that has already become world-wide in its activities. In its purpose and method it is spiritual and evangelistic. It represents the linking together of forces that hold to Christ as the Head for common service, the conversion of men and the growth of the kingdom of God. No one company of believers holds the entire deposit of truth in such fullness that it can arrogate exclusive claims to ecclesiastical leadership. Religious bodies represent varying forms of organized fellowship and work, but in their multifarious activities they, to a great extent, hold that each is a part of the body of believers, who together constitute the church of Christ.

Federation deplores the evils and loss that have followed in the trail of sectarian strife. It seeks to bring the churches together so that they will not only manifest to the world their vital unity in Christ, but be enabled to counsel and labor together in ways that will make their service most effective for the kingdom. Federation disclaims any thought of authority. It simply appeals for the unity that shall bring the entire household of faith into such relations of co-operation and counsel that the church of Christ as a whole may do its appointed work and hasten the day when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

What It Is Doing.

Local federations of churches have already been organized in cities having an aggregate population of over six millions. The object of these federations as generally stated "is the promotion of acquaintance, fellowship and effective co-operation among the several churches of all denominations in order that their essential unity may be manifested, that the evangelization of the city (or town) may be more systematically accomplished, that a means may be found of expressing the united Christian sentiment of the community in regard to moral issues, that the various Christian and benevolent activities may be more completely coordinated and that other appropriate ends may be secured."

The churches are invited to ratify the constitution of the federation submitted to their attention, and thus express their approval of its aim and purpose. The delegates which they appoint, with the pastors, form the council that elects the officers and appoints the executive and other committees. This council has no authority over the churches. Its powers are only advisory and executive.

What Local Federations Are Doing.

In four cities—Toledo, Ohio; Albany, N. Y.; Auburn, Maine; Defiance, Ohio—within the past few months volunteer visitors from the federated churches, numbering over 2,000, have engaged in a house-to-house visitation. Other federations plan a similar work, and in some cities a systematic and frequent

visitation is carried on, by which every unchurched family is discovered, with an outstretched hand of welcome and sympathy.

Several federations have taken effective action for civic, social and moral righteousness and by putting a stop to sources of corruption that were debauching the young and disgracing the community have accomplished surprising results that were only possible by their united action.

In some cases where such unity of action was reached the politicians at once acceded all that was desired without contest. The power of the united churches was irresistible.

State Federations.

Eleven years ago delegates, appointed by religious bodies representing nine-tenths of the Protestant church membership of Maine, organized a "commission," which has proved in the most practical way that it is possible through representative and mutual counsel "to prevent waste of resources and effort in the smaller towns; and both stimulate interest and advise regarding missionary work in destitute districts and the planting of new organizations." The story of the work accomplished by this state federation and others recently organized is full of interest. Not the least among their benefits is the aid and impulse they give in the organization of local federations.

The National Federation.

This organization, having on its official boards honored and representative leaders of religious bodies interested in this great movement, has for its main purpose the promotion of federative action and organization in every state and community. In this, as in other service, the law has proved true that when seed and soil are propitious God is pleased to use some human agency to help in bringing them together. Even those who believed that some instrumentality of a national character was called for have been surprised at the results that have already followed aid rendered by this organization. It has taken the initiative in the action that has secured the organization of state federations in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts and Nebraska and prepared the way for action in a number of other states. It has also been permitted to exert the same help in the organization of most of the local federations that are now doing a large and effective work in different parts of the country.

A World Wide Movement.

In Canada, England and Australia the evangelical bodies of large numerical strength are coming into close and active fellowship. The success of the great "simultaneous mission" under the auspices in England of the "National Council of Evangelical Free Churches" and a recent similar movement in Australia is a record of evangelistic service that has brought cheer to Christendom in every part of the world. On the foreign field this movement is one of the blessed signs of coming victory and the triumph of the cross. Within a year or two past, in Japan, missionaries affiliated with some thirty denominations have worked together in an evangelical campaign from one end of the empire to the other. In the Philippines, in India, Ceylon and China the same spirit of unity is revealing itself in practical co-operation that manifests to the heathen world that believers are one body in Christ. Dr. Barton, one of the secretaries of the American Board, just home from an extended tour in all these fields, bears testimony that the missionaries "are in advance of the home churches in fraternal co-

*Mr. Sanford is general secretary of the "National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers."

operation for the promotion of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the world in ways that are Christian before they are denominational." "I assume," he writes, "no unusual prophetic vision when I make bold to declare that this position of leadership will be maintained in the foreign work until the churches in the United States are compelled to fall into line." Let us rejoice that they are falling into line.

SHAKESPEARE AND THE MORAL LIFE.*

Particular treatises on Shakespeare's views regarding certain elements of the moral life have appeared from time to time, but Professor Sharp of the University of Wisconsin has recently made a most interesting effort to represent the chief phases of character and conduct as portrayed by this master. He brings to the study a very wide and intimate knowledge of the dramas and poems. The characters are all at his hand for illustrative purposes. An introductory chapter points out the wide sweep of Shakespeare's art in its delineation of character, from the well-nigh perfect figures of Kent and Helena to the opposite extreme in Richard III, Macbeth and Iago. Incidentally a good deal of light is thrown upon character study by this discriminating student who at not a few points takes issue with the accepted interpretations as they have come to us from the hands of the commentators. The book discusses the poet's use of transcendentalism, or the influence of belief in an overshadowing and supernatural order as a motive in conduct; the criterion of right and wrong; the nature of the good; conscience and the conscienceless; the freedom of the will; virtue and happiness, and ethics and metaphysics, Professor Sharp reviews the evidences regarding the play of various motives in the development of character. He finds little appeal to a celestial order in Shakespeare's characters. Even the authority of the king is not so much recognized because of its divine prerogative as because it appears to be the best means of securing the welfare of the people.

In the consideration of the problem of right and wrong many interesting phases of the subject are reviewed. Forgiveness of enemies is emphasized as an admirable quality; pity for the unfortunate is directly commended. The same may be said of veracity, though this is colored somewhat by the consideration that deceit is not necessarily and wholly evil excepting as its purpose is vicious. Untruth is excused where its results are harmless. Yet Isabella declares her reluctance to speak an untruth even for a good end, and Coriolanus exhibits a genuine hesitation between an impulse to speak the truth at whatever cost and a desire to dissemble for what apart from the deception would be a worthy purpose. Several definitions of the ultimate motive of life are reviewed, such as self-realization, of which Prospero is an example, or reputation and fame, of which Norfolk, Antony, Brutus and Hector are illustrations; or finally love as a still higher motive as in the case of Othello, whose former passion for fame has been supplanted by love, or Clarence who in the very instant of death thinks only of his wife and little ones, or Kent, whose unselfish devotion to the stricken Lear is a master motive.

An interesting chapter on conscience and the con-

scienceless is devoted to a study of the characters of Richard, Goneril and Iago as compared with the annals of criminology in their revelation of the influence of heredity and other forces to shape a character quite devoid of any sense of responsibility. In this regard Shakespeare shows himself to be profoundly acquainted with those qualities which modern research among the depraved has regarded as a recent addition to science. On the question of moral freedom it is pointed out that men generally feel themselves competent to do the things they wish, to conform their actions to their permanent desires and to become what they have ambition to be. The contrary idea is simple fatalism, and to such a view Shakespeare gives little support. Conduct in his pages is regarded as dependent upon character. Certain things are consistent or inconsistent with the recognized qualities of a life. Evil will not be believed of Desdemona by Roderigo; Antony acts in a manner inconsistent with his own nature, and such actions astonish and grieve his friends, but this conduct is attributed not to chance but to deliberate change on his part. Even when Shakespeare recognized the influence of the stars he did not absolve his characters from responsibility. Goneril's character seems fixed and unchangeable, yet Kent, who regards this character as a product of the stellar influences, does not mitigate his condemnation of her action. Margaret, who declares Richard III. to have been

"Sealed in his nativity,

The slave of nature and the son of hell," holds him no less responsible on that account. Character is the result of a succession of evil choices. There is no break between the past and the present. Prince Hal when he comes to be King Henry V. seems to contradict this, yet the roots of his kingly nobility lie far back in his careless youth. Professor Sharp well sums up this chapter in these words: "The clever controversialist, Mr. Arthur Balfour, some years ago, informed the public that modern determinism is bound to look upon the popular belief in free will as an illusion produced by natural selection. If society is to be kept alive, he imagines the argument to run, men must attribute to each other moral responsibility and, therefore, freedom; if, then, the belief in the latter is an illusion, its existence can only be explained by the elimination of those communities amongst which it failed to appear. If we may trust Shakespeare this hypothesis is wholly gratuitous. For the kind of free will about which Mr. Balfour is talking is separated by a great gulf from the men of the Elizabethan era, and the men of to-day agree in recognizing the existence of a freedom from external forces that permits the character, in its actions, to show what it really is. And where this power of self-expression exists they praise and blame, or, in other words, impute responsibility.

In general, Professor Sharp believes that while Shakespeare does not make much of the religious life as such, he holds to its fundamental elements as essential to the moral life. His best characters are not skeptics, as some have affirmed, and the sanctions of morality not merely for supernatural reasons, but for public welfare and as the imperatives of the nature of man, which is, after all, but the voice of God, are enforced. He says, in conclusion: "A call to action this; a message of cheer and courage to an age that sees the old theology vanishing into air and knows not yet what the new shall be."

LESLIE LOCKWOOD.

*Shakespeare's portrayal of the Moral Life, by Frank Chapman Sharp, Ph. D., New York. Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1902. Pp. 224. \$1.25 net.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

J. T. OGLE.

To-day a vision of matchless power rises before us. It comes up out of the distant past and binds us with an irresistible charm. It passes in dissolving view before us.

First of all is the tender form of an infant, whose cry is strangely blended with the lowing of cattle and the bleating of sheep, rising from an oxen's manger, nearly two thousand years in the past. Above a mysterious star rains its fire, while over all float, subdued and tender, angelic melodies from a heavenly choir.

The vision changes and we see now an aged man, whose locks have been whitened by snow flakes from the hill tops of eternity, standing in the Temple of God at Jerusalem. In his arms is folded a tender infant, a beautiful rosebud of humanity. And with his aged eyes lifted to the Eternal he gives expression to what Lord Bacon called the "Sweetest Canticle, Nunc Demittis," now let me die!

Well will it be for the soul, standing by the strange borderland that separates the seen from the unseen, that can look over a life well spent in service to God and man and out into the future with hopeful anticipations, and there and then take up the song of old Simeon: "Nunc Demittis," now let me die!

Again the scene changes, and we see a lad with open countenance standing in the midst of the Jewish doctors and teachers in the Temple. His deep insight into the law and the prophets astonish beyond measure the doctors of Jewish history, the learned rabbis of the day.

But still more mysterious to Joseph and Mary was that strange declaration of his: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" He recognized at this early period in his life that none other than God is his Father, and he felt the necessity of being about his business.

Again the scene dissolves and in the change pass away forever all the days and years of his childhood. Never again shall we see the boy or the youth of him who is destined to be the hope of all the ages.

The next vision that greets us is that of a strange, mysterious personage, clad in coarse garments of camel's hair, with a leathern girdle about his loins, whose meat was locusts and wild honey. His startling call to repentance has broken the stillness of the long night that had rested upon Israel and the world. His message has emptied the cities of Judea and the gathering thousands throng the banks of the Jordan. While out from the humble home in Nazareth marches the Carpenter's Son and in company with the awakened multitudes makes his way to the Jordan, where he demands baptism at the hands of John. As his body is lifted from the yielding waves the heavens above are vocal, while the voice of the Infinite is heard: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Then away from this matchless scene, from beneath smiling heavens and kindly voices of recognition, are we swiftly transported into the rugged loneliness of the wilderness of Judea, the wild scene of the temptation. Here, standing upon the platform of common humanity, is fought and won the great battle for the race. Here is evidently the great crisis of his life. Will he be true to the higher voices, or will he, like millions before him, allow the voices from beneath to lead him from the paths of duty. Thank God, that above the wilderness, there shines a star of new hope, for all the sons of men, through the victory which he won.

How rapidly now the vision dissolves. Scene after scene in his life flashes before us.

Now, he is opening blind eyes and unstopping deaf ears; now, he is healing the sick and strengthening the lame; now he is feeding hungry multitudes and breaking the bread of life to famishing souls; now he is giving command to the storms and saying to the wild waves: "Peace, be still!" and now he is weeping with suffering humanity and calling the dead to life again. His life is but one great blessing to man.

And as we draw near the closing scenes in the vision, a pathos and infinite tenderness hangs like an invisible drapery about it all.

The scene in the upper chamber, with its monumental feast; the loneliness of dark Gethsemana, with its broken petitions; the cruel arrest, with its mock trial and condemnation; the dead march to Calvary, with its heavy burden of the cross, all touch the deepest sympathies of our souls. Gladly would we turn from such scenes, but we are helpless. The power that draws worlds together is holding our attention fixed upon that scene, and binding our destinies up forever with Calvary!

But while we gaze the heavens grow dark. Invisible hands let down all the curtains of night while it is yet day, and scarcely can we discern through the gathering darkness, the lonely central figure of the world's hate. At last that sinless head falls lifeless upon his bosom and all is over! Tender hands place the lifeless body in the tomb, and the grave claims man's greatest friend and benefactor. Will this dark, dark view never pass?

Thank God, the scene changes. As it dissolves the blackness of night passes away and the dawn of a better day breaks above the tomb! He whom death had claimed comes forth triumphant over all the powers of the unseen. This beautiful vision finds its completion in the triumphs and glories of the ascension.

Such is briefly the vision of matchless power that comes up out of the past, appealing to humanity to-day.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

What now is the mission of the church? With that great life before us the question should find ready solution.

It is evidently not the mission of the church to bind human creeds and dogmas and speculations upon the race, and to count every man an uncircumcised Philistine and heathen reprobate who will not consent to wear such chains and to endure such bondage.

But this is the mission of the church: To reproduce the life of Christ in the world. The salvation of the world depends upon this. Christ poured out his own life into the lives of the Apostles, and they in turn poured out the same life into other lives. As God was incarnate in Christ, so should the Christ be incarnate in the life of the believer. The one great need of the world to-day is the reproduction of that divine life among men.

Let the church reproduce the life of her Lord, and then will follow the uplifting of the race. To do this the church must go to the lowest of the low, and touch the last man in sin and pollution and lift him up and lead him out into a higher life.

Paint again the Christ life in human character, and you bring new hope into the world. Christ is the world's greatest optimist. He never preached pessimism to man.

He ever pointed to a better and brighter to-morrow, and thus inspired man to greater and nobler efforts.

His life is the one great revolutionary force in the world. War is no longer the chief thing of nations as

it was at and before his advent. The bright rays from the Star of Bethlehem are dimming forever the blood red star of war. Peace, the sweet song of peace, sang by the angels on the night of his nativity, finds a responsive chord in multiplied millions of human hearts, that were once stirred only by the martial strains of war.

May God help the church to fulfill her divine mission in the world by reproducing the life of the risen Lord in untold millions of human hearts and lives.

Guthrie, O. T.

THE OUTLOOK FOR SPIRITUAL RELIGION.*

CARLOS C. ROWLISON.

The religious outlook is not all fair, but it is by no means gloomy. Are there not indeed many unmistakable signs of a strong advance in spiritual religion? Ecclesiasticisms and creeds may decay—we expect them to decay—but man is coming to know and to regard his relation to the Infinite more fully than he has ever done before.

First of all, it is being demonstrated that the religious life is not something to be added on to the natural life, but that it is as natural as is any other function of life. "The religious instinct is not an afterthought, but a forethought. . . . It is not something to be superadded, but something to be evoked and developed."

This natural instinct is but the human response to the presence of the indwelling God. That God is present in the lives of men is the second most potent fact in the actual religion of our day. And the widely spreading consciousness of these essential truths—namely, that man has the instinctive desire to know God and to be one with him, and that God is more eager to manifest himself in men than they are to receive him—is bound to produce a great deepening of spiritual religion.

Besides this, Christianity is surely freeing herself from her "historic grave clothes." The critical spirit of our times is freeing us from the power of institutionalism and from the dominion of creeds. Though essential Christianity was never wholly obscured in all the history of the church, yet to-day, as never before, we stand beside the peerless Teacher and seek to experience "just such a simple, vital, personal, loving, saving, spiritual religion as that he exemplified so beautifully and poured forth into the souls of men like a river of the water of life."

The dogmatic basis for religion is going very rapidly and we are beginning to see with some clearness what is the true authority upon which we can depend. The authority of Christ is the authority of a perfect and transforming life. My deepest experiences reveal to me the actuality and perfection of the life and deeds of Jesus. The supreme test of the truth of Christianity is the practice of it; and this is the test Jesus requires: "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God or whether I speak from myself" (John 7:17). So far, then, as this new conception of authority is made vital, that far must religion be spiritual. It is impossible any longer to be satisfied with a formal religion. The supreme humanity of Jesus, manifested in his experience, affords us not only a comprehensible revelation of the nature of God and of his presence among men, but also makes clear to us the fullness of spiritual

living, which is a possible attainment for all of us. How such an assurance inspires us!

So it is becoming pretty evident that our new knowledge of the world, our renewed aesthetic as well as scientific appreciation of nature, our belief that the world is an immature but growing organism, often brought to despair by the hardihood and follies and fearful sins of its youth, yet full of the vitality and saving grace of a divinely inspired being—all these new valuations are already causing infidelity to seem vulgar and insipid, while they are also causing a quiet but very intense religious aspiration among men.

THE MAKING OF THE SERMON.*

F. L. MOFFETT.

It is impossible to lay down any unchangeable rule by which a sermon is to be constructed, and the writer of this volume makes no such attempt. He, however, discusses and analyzes every variety of sermon and every mode of treatment, showing its strength and weakness, its advantages and disadvantages. The title indicates the purpose of the book. It was prepared primarily for the classroom, but also with a still larger audience in view. It is the larger audience which will be greatly gratified to find a work so helpful. One not knowing the purpose of the book would think that it was prepared especially for the busy preacher who does not have time to study plan of sermon construction nor the dress in which it is to be placed. This volume will have no message for those who have reached perfection or become fossilized; it will be an inspiration to those who are glad to receive the good from any source and to profit by suggestions. The method of treatment is logical; it shows one how the sermon is made, from the foundation to the completed structure, with all its ornament and beauty. There are twenty-three chapters in the book, but not an uninteresting page. It is worthy of mention that six chapters are devoted to "Rhetorical Elements in the Sermon" and four to "The Delivery of the Sermon." A divine message will have power, however poorly dressed or delivered; but how much more powerful if spoken in the language of culture by a man who knows he has a message! This is a valuable work for any preacher to have, not only because it is a homiletic contribution, but because of the great men with whom it brings one in touch.

Centerville, Ia.

The Making of the Sermon. By T. Harwood Pattison. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. Pp. 390. \$1.50.

Benjamin Kidd, the economist, who has recently returned from a tour of the new British South Africa, declares that the land is much richer than that of the United States west of the Mississippi and believes its future is assured.

The German legislative body in a new tariff bill voted to authorize the government to retaliate on any country discriminating against German goods. The move is made especially against the United States.

A wealthy man of Paris has given a sum of money sufficient to found a scholarship for two French students to spend a year at the University of Chicago. The Old World is looking this way for its new ideas.

*The Spiritual Outlook. W. C. Selleck. Boston, 1902. Price, \$1.00.

BOOK REVIEWS



The Little White Bird, by James M. Barrie. Describes the humorous adventures of a bachelor with a friend's baby. It is a book to be read lovingly by parents, especially mothers, for the dew of infancy and childhood rests like a benediction on its pages. It is not a story with a plot, neither is it a love story, but it will prove intensely interesting to children and mothers in search of nursery tales. The story has to do with a bachelor's affections for a child during its years of infantile life. The old bachelor is a confirmed club man, whose family consists of only an imaginary child and a pet dog. The yearning for something more human to shower his affections upon leads to his attachment for David, who is the son of a very interesting friend. Most of the background of the story is about Kensington Garden. David likes to go there on his airings because he is sure to meet with his admirer, who tells him such beautiful fairy stories and then personally sees that they come true. There is an exquisite tenderness throughout these chapters that makes one linger over them. The book is all compounded of goodness and beauty. (Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50.)

The Blue Flower. By Henry Van Dyke. Possibly no other author of short stories has met with such marvelous success as Dr. Henry Van Dyke, and this is probably due to the style of the writings and the deep truths which he displays. The volume contains nine short stories, some of which have been printed before, but it was the desire of the author to combine them in one book, as some of them seem to be closely connected. The *Blue Flower* is called the flower of happiness because the principal theme of its stories seems to be a quest for happiness. How its heroes seek it, how some find it and others lose it, makes the stories full of interest and thoroughly novel. The volume is elegantly bound and beautifully illustrated in colors. (Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50.)

Eagle Blood. By James Creelman. The hero is a young English nobleman whose fortune has finally dwindled down to nothing, left to do for himself. This hero happens to be one who scorns the idea of marrying an American heiress in order to re-establish his estates, but determines upon immigration to the United States, where he becomes a reporter on a New York daily. Before leaving his country he plans to be known not as a nobleman, but simply as a common citizen, and assumes his mother's maiden name. Three different types of girls play an important part in his fortunes, one merely a title seeker, another a mere adventuress with strange hypnotic powers, who nearly causes his ruin, and the third a typical American girl, both beautiful and charming. At the be-

ginning of the Spanish-American war he is sent to the Philippines as war correspondent and later enlists in the American army. After a time he is disabled and obliged to return to New York, where he renounces his title and becomes an American citizen and marries the beautiful American girl. (D. Lothrop Pub. Co., Boston. \$1.50.)

Wanted—A Chaperon. By Paul Leicester Ford. As one reads the little story, which the publishers, with the aid of a good artist, have made so entertaining and airy, there is a feeling of tenderness for the man that once wrote such charming words. The story tells of a country girl visiting her rich aunt in New York city, and starting out to a fashionable dinner Christmas eve, a mistake is made in the address of the hostess' house and she reaches the home of what proves to be a charming wealthy bachelor. It is a much drawn story, but it is highly interesting. The book is elegantly bound and the illustrations by Howard Chandler Christy and Margaret Armstrong are superb. (Dodd, Meade & Co., New York. \$2.00.)

The Romance of an Old Fool. By Roswell M. Field. This is as choice and lovely a thing as any one would wish to read. It is entertaining and full of expression. It is humorous, tender, human and delights one's appreciative sense of beautiful workmanship. It is the kind of book that makes one sweeter for the reading of it. (W. S. Lord, Evanston, Ill. \$1.25.)

Baby Goose, His Adventures. By Fannie E. Ostrander. The writer has certainly accomplished what she set out to do, as the book will afford the children no end of pleasure. The little stories are all well written and are highly entertaining. The escapades of Baby Goose are many and all the queer things that he sees and does would fill a little boy's head more than though he had spent his first day at a circus. It contains ninety-five colored plate pages, handsomely bound. (Laird & Lee, Chicago. \$1.25.)

The World's Best Proverbs and Short Quotations. By George Howard Apdyke. The subjects are all alphabetically arranged, making it a most handy and convenient book for reference. Such a book as this will be of great value in the hands of the public speaker. The book is so arranged that almost any proverb and by whom it is written can be found without the necessity of burying one's self in innumerable volumes in diligent search. (Laird & Lee, Chicago. \$1.00.)

Captain Macklin. By Richard Harding Davis. The story is written about a revolutionary republic in Central America. This Captain Macklin is a West Point cadet who was dishonorably discharged for breach of discipline. The story is in the form of a diary of events rehearsed at different times and places. The dishonored cadet goes to Honduras and there joins the revolutionary party, experiencing exciting adventures, which form the greater part of the story. After reading this story it seems quite evident that Mr. Davis did not write this book with the same

amount of energy and precision as is in evidence in his "Soldiers of Fortune." (Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50.)

Donovan Pasha. By Gilbert Parker. The introductory remarks tell a little story about Sir Gilbert Parker. He says that the first five stories he wrote were about the South Sea Islands and Australia, where he lived and roamed in the middle eighties. He traveled extensively in northern Canada, coming back, and then went to England, where he wrote the stories about "Pierce and His People." He later visited the Island of Jersey and there collected his material for "The Battle of the Strong." His trip to Egypt gave him the material for his present story, "Donovan Pasha." He says his next book will be a novel about



DONOVAN PASHA.

Egypt, on which he has been at work some years. His extensive travels fit him for writing intelligently on these varied subjects, giving one who has never seen into these lands a most accurate and concise idea of their conditions. In fact, I doubt if we could ourselves enjoy a trip to Egypt and see and learn as much as by reading his book. He gives a picture of Egypt thirty years ago, when the Khedive still ruled and the French and English stood by watching for the opportunity that was sure to come to them. Donovan—Dicky Donovan—was a young, shrewd English offi-

cial. He was assigned special duty on Stern Wheel Nile Boat, and finally becomes English secretary to the Khedive. Like most young fellows rising to power, they must have their escapades, and he, Dicky Donovan, surely had his. This story of Gilbert Parker gives us an excellent view of British Egypt and the customs, life and habits of their people. It is all worth knowing and is highly entertaining. (D. Appleton & Co., New York and Chicago. \$1.50.)

Adam Rush. By Lynn Roby Meekins. The story is about a young boy raised on a farm who goes to town to make his way in the world. He accepts a position as a salesman in a general store and while in this capacity decides to take up the study of law. He enters the law office of Mr. Crawford, a prominent man of the town, where he remains until he completes his course. Paul Bradson, who has always been a rival of young Adam, completes his law course at the same time. Paul Bradson is a spoiled son of a rich railroad promoter and has always looked down upon Adam on account of his poverty. In truth, Adam is much his superior in both mental and physical strength. Paul's father endeavored to secure the right of way for a railroad and used illegitimate means to bring this about. The people discovered this and the matter was brought to trial. Mr. Crawford, who represented the state, was to try the case, but while getting facts together became seriously ill, leaving the responsibility fall on young Adam, while Mr. Bradson procured the best legal talent the times afforded. Adam's speech was eloquent and convincing, and while the result was not all that was hoped for, the jurors being bribed, Adam succeeded in exposing facts to such an extent that the Bradsons concluded to leave for parts unknown. The story is interwoven with a love affair, the girl a playmate of his childhood. Adam's success gave him influence with the people, so that soon his finances were established, thus enabling him to marry the girl of his choice. The strength of character displayed in the story makes it well worth reading. (J. B. Lippincott & Company, Philadelphia. \$1.50.)

The First Christmas. By Lew Wallace. This piece of book making is one of the most exquisite of the season's books. The frontispiece, representing the Holy Family by Ludwig Knaus, is superb. There are three other full-page illustrations of note—The Adoration of the Shepherds, by Murillo; The Virgin and Child Enthroned with Saints, and The Madonna of the Olive Branch, by Barabino. The book is printed in two colors. The marginal drawings, in tint, by William Martin Johnson, are well selected and greatly enhance its appearance. The book is an extract of the story of Ben-Hur, starting with the journey of the wise men and continuing through the birth of Christ, on to where he is discovered by the shepherds and wise men. It is the old, old story, but as the reader turns the pages he realizes that it is more beautiful and real than ever. (Harper & Brothers, New York. \$1.25.)

The Evolution of a Girl's Ideal. By Clara E. Laughlin. Pp. 73. Chicago: Fleming H. Revell Co. 50 cents.

A little record of the ripening of the affections to the time of love's coming. The title and inscription of this little book tell their own story, except it cannot reveal how charmingly it is done. From beginning

to end, and it is only too quickly accomplished, one is fascinated by the volumes left unsaid, but inevitably filled in by the heart of the reader out of his own dreams.

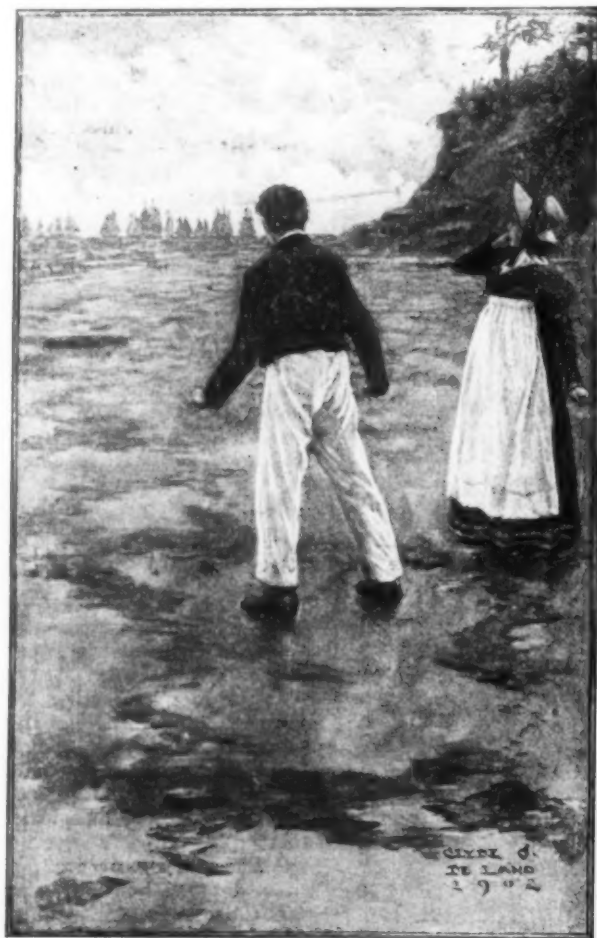
Jack and His Island. By Lucy Meacham Thurston. Little, Brown & Company. Boston. 1902. Pp. 304. Price, \$1.50.

This book, a story of the war of 1812, is full of adventure, but probably not in such a form as would excite lads to adventure for adventure's sake, yet youthful readers must be cautious. Although not strictly true to life in all cases, it is highly instructive, especially along lines of military life. It traces the career of a youth from his entrance into the "teens" to his settling down as a husband. This boy, known only as Jack, was left an orphan at the age of eleven.

several months, until they finally enlisted in the army, and at the close of the war both married wealthy girls living near Baltimore.

A Little Journey to Alaska. By Marian M. George (pp. 85). and *A Little Journey to the Philippines*, by the same author. Chicago: A. Flanagan Co. Pp. 101. 15 cents each.

These are two numbers of a little monthly magazine called "The Plan Book." The first describes in a free and interesting way, such as children would enjoy, the life and customs of the people of Alaska, the objects of worship, the character of the country and the seal fisheries, and then provides at the end in a teachers' supplement a plan for a school entertainment on the same subject, a trip to Alaska, in which the decorations, costumes, recitations and music are



JACK AND HIS ISLAND.

The story begins with him on the road to Baltimore to meet his appointed guardian. After being there a few days certain signs and actions reveal to him the truth that his guardian, Tom Maxwell, was publishing a paper setting forth views to which the people were radically opposed and that the office was in danger of destruction by a mob at any time. This came soon, and the two took refuge on a ship, but were wrecked on the shore of an island, where they lived

appropriate to the theme. At the end of the book an interesting bibliography of Alaska is presented. *A Little Journey to the Philippines* performs precisely the same service for that part of the world, and is followed by the same outline for an afternoon or evening entertainment.

To live nobly in this world one must forgive much, forget much and forbear much.

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THE REFORMER.*

HERBERT L. WILLETT.

Those twenty quiet years which Samuel spent in leading Israel to a higher consciousness of God's purposes for it and its own duties to him were the birth-years of the nation. Hitherto it had been rent into small tribal groups without a sense of national life or unity. "There was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." It was Samuel's task to bind together the scattered fragments of the people and to create the feeling of confidence which had quite disappeared before the aggression of the Philistines. For many years these warriors had penetrated from their lowland cities into the highlands of Israel and had reduced the country to almost abject submission. The work of Samuel was not at first a military enterprise. He made no attempt to arm and equip Israel for battle. His efforts were wholly directed toward education and righteousness. He appears to have been a circuit preacher traveling from one place to another in a sort of annual journey of visitation, which included such towns as Bethel, Gilgal, Bethlehem, Mizpah and Carmel, beside his own city of Ramah. In these towns he held a sacrificial feast which might be called a kind of protracted meeting. All the people were gathered into an assembly, even the children being included. Then the feast was held and the preaching of the prophet which accompanied and followed it impressed the people with their national duties and their religious obligations.

The result of this work was not apparent at once, but as the years went on it is evident that the national spirit more and more asserted itself. The scattered groups became conscious of each other and of the ideal which only a nation could realize. The result was that when Samuel gathered the people at Mizpah for a great feast it was the occasion for a final appeal to their religious beliefs to put away false gods and to serve Jehovah only.

That gathering at Mizpah was seized upon by the Philistines as an occasion for a campaign against Israel. It was difficult to deal with a people who took so easily to the mountains and to caves, but when they were gathered together like this an army could secure access to them at once. It was a moment of supreme peril and supreme opportunity. The nation had learned something of its own strength and was not to be thus lightly esteemed. With such weapons as they had they returned the attack of the Philistines, and a great storm then burst upon the advancing enemy at that moment completed the discomfiture. The hot pursuit gave Israel a chance to avenge the long period of oppression and the stone set up between Mizpah and Shen and called Ebenezer, the "stone of help," marked the spot where the victory had been gained. Thus Samuel completed his work of cementing the nation and giving to it a loftier ideal of conduct and of worship.

The development of character, like that of national

strength, is slow. Sometimes there are long periods of unfruitfulness in which little advance seems to be made; yet all days are days of opportunity, and it may be that some emergency may reveal latent and stored-up powers for the supreme days ahead. One looks back on his own experiences to more than one day of Ebenezer when by the help of God he was able to prove himself more than conqueror. It is not strange that after a victory such as this Israel, strong in the consciousness of its national life, asked for a king; and though Samuel deemed this a slight put upon his leadership, it was in reality the highest compliment that could have been paid him, because it proved beyond question the success of his work in guiding the nation into a better time.

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE BABE.*

The charm of the Christmas story never fades. Wherever there are weary and disheartened ones, wherever there are ignorant and unprovided ones, there the glory of the Christmas message comes with its shining light and transforms the sordid and unhappy present into a bright and glorious future.

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The shepherds of that Judean hillside may well represent human life in all its experiences. There was nothing of power or influence about them; they were just a part of the great, weary, laboring multitude; and yet to them the angels came with a message of peace and the tidings of great joy. To such ones comes ever the story of the Christ. They have room to receive it. Their hearts are not overfilled with the unimportant things of the world.

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The sign which they gave to identify the babe seems to us a strange sign indeed. Many a babe was born that night in Palestine and wrapped in swaddling clothes precisely as was this. Indeed, probably many children were born in circumstances as simple and primitive in character as those surrounding our Savior. He was not born in the purple nor attended by a multitude of courtiers, but was made in the likeness of man. He could not have been distinguished from the humblest child in Palestine that night and this was the story of his life. In all things he was made like unto his brethren, yet without sin.

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The song of the angels has been the delight of the centuries. Men have never realized its full power because they have never tried it. One may say that Christianity is a failure. It is enough to say in reply that it has never been tried. The peace on earth which the gospel promises is not for men of strife and selfishness, but for men of "good will," and as life becomes more and more the embodiment of this spirit the promise of the gospel will find complete fulfillment.

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No wonder those shepherds marveled at the things they saw and that in turn Mary and Joseph were astonished at the message of the shepherds. How could they help going forth and making known the marvel which had happened? So must we go forth and tell the world. There is no power to keep tidings so great as these. They must become a universal possession.

*International lesson for December 21st, 1902. Samuel, the Judge. I Sam. 7:2-13. Golden Text, "Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and serve him only." I Sam. 7:3.

*Optional lesson for December 21st, 1902. Christmas Lesson. Luke 2:8-20. Golden Text, For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.

Wherever the Christmas message goes it means a new era for womanhood, for childhood—indeed, for the race.

FIVE-MINUTES' SERMON ON THE GOLDEN TEXT.

PETER AINSLIE.

Prepare your hearts unto the Lord and serve him only. Preparation belongs to both the Master and the servant. Before he left us Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you," and in turn we are commanded to prepare the heart for him. He does and we are to do. Here rests the whole philosophy of blessing. Heart preparation is necessary for the reception of his goodness. He sends rain on the fallowed ground and the unfallowed, where lie great sand heaps, but only the fallowed ground profits by the rain. He sends his sunshine on the harvest fields and the bleak rocks of the mountain top, but only the harvest is helped by the sunshine. The sand bank and the bleak rock may complain that God has forgotten them, but is it true? It is so with his spiritual benedictions. He remembers all his children alike, but some have failed to make heart preparation and they find fault with God's dealing, but not so, my friend. He is good and he cannot forget you. Turn upon your heart, despise it and work upon it until you are sure it is in condition to receive the wealth of his blessings which come daily upon us.

In most preparations we get together many things. If it is a friend who is coming to dine with us we go to the market, or if it is a friend who expects to spend a while in our home we get some new piece of furniture, perhaps, and so in most of our preparation we get together something. It is just the opposite with the preparation for the Lord. We try to empty the heart, we seek by daily intercourse with him to get it clean, we have personal transactions with God, and out of all this preparation we clear it out for him to come in, and he brings the decorations. Our righteousness is naught, but we look for his righteousness and in him alone we are satisfied.

To serve him means to recognize his principles in all our daily conduct. Righteous service is the life of God on earth. Is this thing right? is the question. Then do it. It may be expensive; it may cost heart mortification; it may turn away friends, but in all this the Master is our model. Was not the journey to the cross expensive? It cost him his blood. Was not the incarnation the lowest depths of humility? He bore it willingly. Was not that a strange course he took in teaching and practice? It cost him his friends, for they all forsook him. His idea of service must be ours. To serve him only is the correct way of living and we thus serve the *human race best*.

Our Father, grant us grace that in the preparation of our hearts unto thee we may have wisdom and judgment. Amen.

Miss Jane Addams, the Chicago social settlement worker, in a recent address advocated three special points which are embodied in a bill to be introduced at the next legislature. She favors an educational test for children before allowing them to go to work; urges nine effective efforts to prevent children under 14 from working; and would stop night work for children.

THE PRAYER-MEETING.

SILAS JONES.

Ministerial Relief.

Topic Dec. 17: Phil. 4:8-20.

Why should the churches give money for the support of aged and infirm ministers and their families? It would be to our credit if it were not necessary to ask this question, if every member of every church had a clear understanding of the duty which the churches owe to the preachers of the gospel who are no longer able to deliver their message. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel." When a man devotes his life to the ministry of the Word he should receive from his brethren who call him to their service such things as he needs not only while he is at work, but also after his work is done.

But it may be asked, Why have not these men laid by something for the time of inactivity? They knew it was coming and, like wise men, they should have made ready for it. Some of them have done this. They do not ask for gifts from their fellow disciples. Others are in need of help because it has been impossible for them to gain a competence for old age. In the days of their strength they saw work before them which they could not do without sacrificing their financial interests. There were churches to be established and weak churches to be strengthened, and there was not much pay for the men who did the work. We rejoice to read of men in distant times and far-away lands who counted not the comforts of life dear unto them in order that they might fulfill the ministry committed to them. Let us open our eyes and see some of this heroism at home. We have with us old men whose poverty testifies to their love of the Lord. Had they loved the Lord less they would not to-day be in need of help.

It is for the honor of the churches that generous provision should be made for the veterans of the ministry. The government of the United States is liberal in its dealings with the men who have fought the nation's battles. The government is not willing that one of these should be without tender care. Humane people do not leave the family horse to shift for himself when he is too old for use. The blind old house dog is fed and has a warm corner for a bed in winter. It would be considered disgraceful to cast him out. Those whom he has served take care of him. Shall churches do less for their ministers than kind-hearted people do for their domestic animals? Certainly not. They do not want to see the faithful men pass their last days in neglect. They are made ashamed by the sufferings of those who have been neglected. But they have not considered seriously enough the necessity of making systematic provision for the old age of the ministers. That is a duty demanding immediate attention.

Senor Jose Vincenti Concha, who has been recalled by his government from his post of minister from Colombia to Washington, has had a short stay in the American capital, owing to his persistent tactics as an obstructionist to the negotiations for the isthmian canal. Concha arrived here last spring, and was well received. He came with a good record as a diplomat and master of international law. He had been attorney-general and minister of war in the cabinet of the United States of Colombia, and is also said to have been an excellent soldier.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Our Fellowship.

Topic Dec. 14: Psalm 133:1-3; I. Cor. 12:12-27.

We are called into a holy fellowship. No organization is possible without this recognition of mutual relations. Faith must be its common ground. All brotherhood rests upon some basis of accepted belief. Generally, however, every true brotherhood gathers around some strong personality. The personality of the leader has more of binding force than any acceptance of abstract principles or articles of belief. The Bible recognizes this. In the apostolic church Christ is everywhere set forth as the "Head of the Church," the "Captain of our salvation," the "Chief Shepherd," the "Chief Corner-Stone," the great "High Priest," the "Prophet" and "King." All these expressions indicate his authority and leadership and they declare his pre-eminence. His is the

ONE NAME.

In Zachariah, one of the prophets of the restoration, it is declared, "The Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord and his name one." This can not apply exclusively to the Hebrew nation. It must refer to the universal reign of Christ as the one Lord of all. And I am glad to believe that now, as never before, is his name above every name, that unto him everywhere shall bow and every tongue confess. And while there is still much of strife and bitterness and unbrotherliness in our world, I am glad and expectant in the confidence that Christ is more and more becoming the center of the altruistic and practical thought of the world. Beyond what we recognize in our bustle, the principles of

CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

are coming to be accepted as a basis of business activity. And this acceptance of the fact of common brotherhood, though not distinctly religious, is none the less one of the results of the almost universal influences of the social teachings of Jesus. It was "public sentiment" that compelled the coal barons to agree to arbitrate the differences in the great anthracite coal strike. But what makes "public sentiment"? Not always nor altogether selfish interests. The fact is that the principle of brotherhood is recognized in Christian lands. "Labor unions," "arbitration," "federation," are truly the outgrowth of the Spirit of Christ—the

"ONE SPIRIT"

into which, because of the universal influences of the Christian teaching, we have been baptized, or into which we have been "made to drink," whether we recognize the source or not. In this fact, and in this fellowship, which betokens the better brotherhood to be, I bid you rejoice.

And this oneness of Spirit, or oneness in the Spirit, is the basis of all fellowship, religious or secular, at all worthy of the name. It is Spiritual—always, in whatsoever form manifest. We must have the "unity of the Spirit" before the unity for which the Master prayed can ever be realized. The many members in one body can have fellowship only as one Spirit moves, constrains, controls all. Get this great thought of spiritual unity—not as an excuse for the unhappy divisions that exist among the professed followers of the Christ—but as a preparation for the larger fellowship and for the bringing in of the better brotherhood to be. It will come only as we are all baptized into one Spirit, and are made to drink into one Spirit—the spirit of brotherhood in Christ, our Elder Brother.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 2.—Christian
Century, Chicago, Ill.: O. P. Spiegel
began here to-day. House full; six-
teen additions. J. L. Ferguson, Clerk.

E. W. Yocum reports two more addi-
tions at Edgar, Neb.

Harry E. Tucker continues to report
additions at Murphysboro, Ill.

D. S. Hinkel takes up vigorously
the work at Harrisonburg, Va.

Three confessions Nov. 30 at Medi-
cine Lodge, Kas. R. H. Tanksley min-
ister.

Chas. E. Earley, Wassen, Ohio., has
closed a meeting at Pettisville with
twenty-three confessions.

Evangelist Gregg, assisted by W. F.
Lintt, have just closed a meeting at
Elliott, Ia., with twenty additions.

Austin Hunter reports six more add-
ed at North Park church, Indianapolis,
and \$800 pledged on indebtedness.

Evangelist De Miller recently as-
sisted Pastor J. P. Reed in meeting at
Hamilton, Ont., with nine additions.

L. B. Meyers of Wichita, Kas., held
a short meeting at Augusta, closing
Dec. 4, with twenty-six additions.

Meeting twenty days old and twen-

ty-one additions; fifteen by confession,
is the way F. D. Fillmore at Gillespie
writes.

Two added at Watseka, Ill., where
B. S. Ferrall is minister. Bro. Ferrall
preached the Thanksgiving sermon
this year.

C. F. Stevens is in meeting with
home forces at Trenton, Mo. There
have been twenty-three additions in
three weeks.

The Central church at Decatur, Ill.,
under the ministry of F. W. Burnham,
is succeeding well. Confessions at
nearly every service.

Louis O. Lehman, Chandlerville,
Ill., and Mead E. Dutt of Girard will
exchange meeting. The Chandlerville
meeting will begin Jan. 5.

J. Clark Williams closed a four
weeks' meeting at Mt. Pleasant church
near Leora, Mo. There were eleven
additions; eight by baptism.

M. B. Ainsworth, state evangelist
for South Dakota, has just closed a
meeting at Sioux Falls with thirty-one
additions. W. J. Dodge is pastor.

N. E. Cory, pastor at Mt. Sterling,
Ill., preached at New Salem, once on
Nov. 30. Eight young men and two
young ladies made the good confes-
sion.

F. G. Fillmore is in a meeting at
Gillespie, Ill. Thirteen have been add-
ed to the congregation. Indications are
that Bro. Fillmore will become per-
manent pastor at Gillespie.

Churches desiring a pastor of exper-
ience and sound Christian character
and talented can be put in corre-
spondence with such a man by ad-
dressing Box 832, La Mars, Iowa.

The School of Pastoral Helpers, Cin-
cinnati, O., will open its second term
Jan. 6, 1903. Any young women who
desire to enter should write to A. M.
Haronot, 617 Richmond street.

Many of our readers were delighted
with the beautiful story by Mrs.
Laura De Laney Garst, "My Little
Sister in Far Away China." We are
glad to give the group upon the front
page.

Alva W. Taylor is in a series of
special meetings with home forces at
Eureka, Ill. Mrs. Powell of Indiana is
assisting with the music. Five bap-
tisms and prospects for a good meet-
ing.

W. B. Golden reports an excellent
meeting at Farlin, Ia., in which they
were assisted by J. E. Parker of South
Dakota and James Smith, singing
evangelist. There were nineteen ad-
ditions.

Martin and Huston are in a meet-
ing with S. D. Dutcher at Oklahoma
City, Okla. Sixty-five additions to
Dec. 4. Bro. Dutcher is doing a great
work at Oklahoma City and his work
has been greatly blessed.

Wanted—Names of Christian

preachers who come from Methodist
ministry. Will all such reading this
please drop me a card stating when
and where the change was made?
Robert E. Rosenstein, Burlington,
Kansas.

Three young ladies made the good
confessions at Milford, Ill., Nov. 30. L.
Moore is the pastor. M. B. Madden,
missionary to Japan, spent a couple
of days with Bro. Moore renewing the
memories of college days spent at
Bethany.

We have received a card of invita-
tion to the formal installation exer-
cises of Prof. H. M. Bell as dean of
the College of Liberal Arts of Drake
university on Thursday evening, Dec.
4. We wish Dean Bell the best suc-
cess in his new work.

Russell F. Thrapp, pastor Jackson-
ville, Ill., reports 513 at Sunday school
Nov. 23, and an offering of \$100 for
home missions. Knox P. Taylor has
just closed an institute with the Sun-
day school, and it proved very help-
ful to all departments of the church.

Carlos C. Rowleson is to begin a
meeting with home forces at Kenton,
Ohio, early in January. The first week
will be devoted to a missionary rally,
those to assist being J. G. Slater, Benj.
L. Smith, Mrs. Anna R. Atwater and
Pres J. A. Beattie. Great things are
expected.

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Mr. Franklin W. Calkins of Wyom-
ing, Wis., who writes many interesting
stories for the "Youth's Companion,"
says:

"Food can make or unmake a writer.
For a number of years, living the sed-
entary life of the writer and student,
I suffered all the ills of nervous dys-
pepsia. I could eat nothing in the
morning save a dry crust of toasted
bread and a cup of weak coffee. For
my dinner at 6 o'clock I had been in
the habit of eating rare beefsteak, the
only food from which I seemed to get
proper nourishment, but no meal was
taken without the after pangs of indi-
gestion. I was beginning to get dis-
gusted with life.

"About a year ago a friend sug-
gested Grape Nuts, telling me of the
benefit he had received from the food
and I began with it as directed; I
found immediate relief from my indi-
gestion and in a short time my dys-
pepsia left me entirely. I have now
used Grape-Nuts for a year and have
had no trouble with my stomach, hav-
ing eaten many enjoyable dinners.

"I find in fact that all you say for
Grape-Nuts is true and it is certainly
the food for brain workers and the
truth of your claims is proved in my
own cure. I have no appetite for
meats."

now. The Thanksgiving offering reached nearly \$1,800. They called for \$1,500. There were ten additions at the morning service Nov. 30. Six by confession and four otherwise. The work is very encouraging.

The twelfth anniversary rally service of the South Broadway church, Denver, Colo., were held in the church Dec. 7. There were five services during the day. Those to speak were Wm. Bayard Craig, Walter Scott Priest and Samuel B. Moore. We congratulate Bro. B. B. Tyler on his successful pastorate.

Cephas Shelburne reports his work progressing nicely at Huntington, Ind. The audiences are the largest in the history of the church, and all departments of the work growing. He delivered the union Thanksgiving sermon in the Presbyterian church, Huntington, and the same week gave one of the C. E. addresses at Fort Wayne.

Our managing editor, Charles A. Young, has just returned from a Bible lecture tour. He delivered a course of lectures to the students of the University of Georgia and also a course of lectures at the Lucy Cobb institute, Athens, Georgia. This is one of the best schools for young ladies not only in the South, but in the United States.

The Foreign society has recently received four gifts on the annuity plan, one for \$100, two for \$500 each and one for \$1,000. It would seem that the friends of missions would not hesitate for a moment to place money with the Foreign society on this plan. It insures an income during life, and at death the money goes for the cause which is so dear to all Christian hearts.

The receipts of the Foreign society for October and November amount to \$12,428.05, a gain of \$6,407.29 over the corresponding months, 1901. Last week the society received a direct gift of \$500 for its regular work. There ought to be more such gifts for the regular work of the society.

The meeting at Webster City, Ia., H. F. Burns, pastor, assisted by V. E. Ridenour, singer, closed with sixty-two additions. The church is now in splendid condition.

The Thanksgiving season was well utilized by the Boston church in an effort to reduce the debt. Boxes were distributed in which savings were gathered for the Thanksgiving offering. Then on the evening before Thanksgiving there was a social hour when the boxes were returned. Enough was gathered in this way to reduce the debt on the church to \$4,000, which is regarded as a notable achievement. The church hopes to finish the work of clearing the debt during the next two years.

R. A. Schell of Hebron, Neb., writes: "We are still rejoicing over the good meeting held here by C. A. Young, one

of the editors of The Christian Century, assisted by J. W. Hilton, singing evangelist. The immediate results of this week's revival were twenty-five additions, all by baptism excepting two, and church upbuilt spiritually. The seed which was sown is continuing to bear fruit week after week, and we have prospects of a greater ingathering. The official board has invited these brethren to conduct another meeting next fall."

B. Q. Denham writes: "Bro. W. J. Wright has just closed a most successful campaign with the Second church (Greenpoint), Brooklyn. He was with them five weeks, closing Nov. 30. The results were fifty-eight accessions to the church, fifty-six being conversions to faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ. In all this work Bro. J. L. Keevit, the pastor, worked shoulder to shoulder with the evangelist. In regard to numbers, this meeting is the largest the writer knows of ever having been held in New York or Brooklyn by the Disciples. We all rejoice with the church, pastor and evangelist.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Natural Body Brace Co., Salina, Kan., in another column. This is a company of very high standing, vouched for by leading banks throughout the country. Their home banks say the company's methods of doing business are all that a customer could ask. They prove by the most skilled physicians and thousands of wearers that their brace is the best of cures for ailments peculiar to women and girls, and for abdominal weakness, backache, lung troubles, or general weakness of either sex. It cures after everything else has failed. Their book of plain, common-sense reasoning, which is fully illustrated, is sent free in sealed envelope to all who ask for it. They refund the purchase price to any one who are not pleased with the brace after 30 days' trial. We suggest that you write to them for full information.

Mrs. Alice L. Moore, Ellsworth, Ia., has prepared a beautiful chart on the Gospel Plan of Salvation. It was exhibited at the national convention at Omaha, and received the hearty commendation of many of the leaders of thought in our brotherhood. Beginning with God's part, the stages of Christ's life from his birth to his crucifixion are beautifully illustrated and the whole plan of salvation based upon the open Bible. On man's part hearing, faith, repentance, confession, baptism, prayer, work and hope are illustrated as the ascending steps of the ladder of life to the enduring end. In the center below is a beautiful picture of the baptism of Jesus, above which are the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Appropriate scripture texts accompany all of the pictures. The mechanical work of this beautiful steel engraving,

setting forth so clearly to the eye the Gospel plan of salvation, is a fine example of art. Persons desiring this picture made from a steel engraving, which cost about \$800, should write Mrs. Alice M. Moore, Ellsworth, Ia.

One hundred and thirty people (including three pastors) from nine churches attended the quarterly rally of the Cook County Churches of Christ C. E. union last Thursday evening at the Ashland Avenue church. Rev. Findley, the pastor, led in brief devotional exercises. The chief address was delivered by Rev. Nichols of the Jackson Boulevard church, on "The Power of an Audacious Faith," a rousing plea for more earnest Christianity. The banner was won by the First church with a percentage of ninety-four. The certificates for the highest average attendance of members and for the largest aggregate attendance at the rallies during the year were both awarded to Irving Park. The minute reports of the work done by the various societies showed that all had been active. The following officers for the coming year were elected: President, B. H. Staffel; vice president, Mae Holmes; secretary, Miss Rossiter; treasurer, Nellie Guthridge; chorister, M. O. Narramore. These officers were installed by A. E. MacDonald, who was for two years president of the Illinois state union. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers and the home society.

A SOLDIER'S FOE Knocked Down by Unsuspected Enemy.

Coffee so affects the brain and nerves that proper nutrition is interfered with and the final ending is frequently nervous prostration.

"During the Spanish-American war I went with my troop to Chickamauga," says Lieut. J. G. Talbott of Springfield, Ill. "If there is any one place on earth where one drinks more coffee than another it is in the army. It is a soldier's 'back bone,' and I can assure you that I drank my share. After several months of hard drilling my health gave out, the chief cause being coffee, bad food, over-exertion and heat.

"On the advice of the surgeon I tendered my resignation and with my heart full of regret and my nervous system shattered I returned home. Almost the first thing the doctor whom I consulted advised me was to quit coffee. That was the first intimation I had that coffee had anything to do with my condition. The next thing was 'what shall I drink?'"

"My wife's mother used your Postum Food Coffee and knew how to make it right, so I tried it and grew very fond of it. My nervous trouble soon left; my old time health came back, and that fall I gained so in flesh that the boys on returning after 'muster out' hardly knew me. Quitting coffee and using Postum did wonders for me."

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT

AUSTIN.

One addition by statement Sunday. David Baxter became teacher of the young men's class, and Mrs. Whipple of one of the boys' classes.

Last Wednesday the pastor performed the marriage ceremony of Errett Larrabee, son of our esteemed superintendent of missions. The lady was Miss Kjelstrom. They are excellent young people.

Next Sunday, 3 p.m., occurs the dedication of our church. We hope for a large representation from our other churches. Bro. Willett and Bro. Kindred will assist in the services. Those taking the Lake Street elevated will get off at Central. The church is on Pine avenue at the head of Ohio street.

BUSH TEMPLE OF MUSIC.

Audiences were somewhat smaller yesterday, the total attendance for the day being about 1,200, and collection \$53.02, about \$22 short of expenses. The services were full of interest, however. Dr. Hall answered many questions, indicating interest on the part of the people. A. J. White, pastor at Manhattan, Kansas, was present.

Raised seats are to be placed on the platform for the choir. Dr. and Mrs. Hazleton (nee Miss Pearl Perrin) were present at the evening service.

E. E. H.

JACKSON BOULEVARD.

Sister H. L. Clark led an excellent prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. At the close one youth put on Christ in Baptism.

A number of the ladies attended the quarterly meeting of the C. W. B. M. at Ashland Avenue church Thursday and in the evening our C. E.'s were much in evidence at the C. E. meeting at the same place. Bro. Nichols gave a stirring address to the C. E.'s, and we feel sure that all who were present were moved to better things and more zealous labor for the Master.

Sister Clara Rossiter was elected secretary of the C. C. C. C. E. for the coming year.

The Sunday services were all well attended, and enthusiastic as usual. At the close of the C. E. service Bro. Nichols baptized a young man of the Humboldt Park church.

Sunday being C. W. B. M. day, Bro. Nichols' theme in the morning was, "She Hath Done What She Could." It was a good subject and Bro. Nichols did it full justice.

In the evening the service was given over to the ladies. A large chorus of

children led the music. Great credit is due Mrs. Stover, who trained the children for their part.

Mrs. Kinnard of the Garfield Boulevard church was present and gave a spirited and helpful talk on "Tidings and Membership."

ENGLEWOOD NOTES.

Our services were exceptionally interesting to-day. The morning service was devoted to the work of the C. W. B. M. Bro. Kindred gave a most excellent talk on their work, and our collection amounted to \$8. We feel that we were greatly blessed.

The Ladies' Aid society, with the assistance of Class 22, are to have a bazaar at 454 W. Sixty-third street on Thursday and Friday of this week. Open all day and both evenings. Come and buy your Christmas presents.

Our annual business meeting occurs Wednesday evening after a brief prayer meeting.

Bro. McLean will be with us the first Lord's day in January, also Bro. Herbert Shaw and wife (formerly Miss Lillian Chalmers). Bro. and Mrs. Shaw sail for China early in January, where they go as missionaries. We anticipate a very happy although in some ways a sad day. May the Lord bless them in their labors of love.

HARVEY.

The usual services last Sunday. The attendance was good. Our pastor, R. L. Wilson, exchanged pulpits in the evening with J. W. Allen of the First church. Our people enjoyed the splendid sermon of Bro. Allen very much, and will always extend him a royal welcome to our church. We are planning a meeting to begin early in January, in which we are to be assisted by J. Fred Jones, the earnest Illinois secretary. We are hoping for great things. Bro. Wilson preached the union Thanksgiving sermon at the Presbyterian church, the first time one of the preachers has been honored with that privilege.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

On Friday evening the Choral union, assisted by the Lakewood Mandolin trio, Mr. Grehan, Miss Townsend, Miss Crysdale and Miss Stitt gave a musical concert which was in every way a decided success.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday this coming week the Ladies' aid, Philharmonic and C. E. societies will hold a bazaar in the lecture hall, People's institute. Our Sunday school is still growing, and we hope before long to have the largest on the West Side. We enrolled fourteen new scholars to-day. The interest in the Endeavor society is growing, and we were blessed with four new members last month. We are very thankful to our many friends who have assisted us from time to time in our music, especially Miss Dux, who has favored us with many fine solos.

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Our services were well attended to-day and we were blessed with two additions. Total collection for the day was \$113. Bro. Scoville's sermons were very interesting and helpful to all.

Our intermediate society under the leadership of Miss Edith Boehl is doing splendid work with a membership of forty-seven.

Bro. Scoville has removed to No. 369 Oakley boulevard.

Dr. Lyman P. Bottenfield of Minneapolis, one of the enthusiastic workers of the Portland Avenue church, visited us last Sunday morning. C. E. S.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

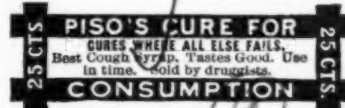
Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Diseases will write him he will direct them to the perfect Home Cure he used. He has nothing whatever to sell.

OIL CURE FOR CANCER.

The Dr. D. M. Bye Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., report the discovery of a combination of soothing and balmy oils which readily cure all forms of cancer and tumor. They have cured many very bad cases without pain or disfigurement. Their new books with full report sent free to the afflicted.

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Takes first to human milk; that failing, the mother turns at once to cow's milk as the best substitute. Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is a cow's milk scientifically adapted to the human infant. Stood first for forty-five years.



KENTUCKY LETTER.

Mark Collis of the Broadway church, Lexington, has just closed a successful meeting at the Richmond Street church, Cincinnati.

Edgar D. Jones will divide time next year between Erlanger and Bullettsville. We were in error in our last letter in saying he would also preach at Point Pleasant. The congregation of Erlanger will shortly begin the erection of a handsome new building.

E. L. Powell of Louisville will deliver the Elks' memorial address at Lexington on next Sunday, Dec. 7. His monthly Sunday night meetings in McCauley's theater, Louisville, continue to draw large audiences.

We are glad to note that D. F. Stafford of the Third church, Lounsville, and W. M. Baker of Glasgow, both of whom recently resigned, have reconsidered and will remain with their congregations next year. We are glad indeed that they are to remain in Kentucky, as they are both valuable men, and their removal from our midst would mean serious loss to our "preaching force" in our state.

The Parkland church, Louisville, made an effort to have the church at Boulder, Colo., release S. M. Bernard from his contract for next year, but they refused, hence Bro. B— will leave this month for his new field. We regret to lose him from our state.

A vigorous effort is now being made by M. D. Clubb, the efficient financial secretary of the College of the Bible, Lexington, for the endowment of the McGarvey chair of sacred history. It is earnestly hoped that all of the alumni, former students and friends of the institution will rally to his support in this worthy undertaking.

Lexington now has a fifth church. Not long since President B. C. Hagerman of Hamilton college "bought in" at public auction the church building on Maryland avenue, belonging to the German Lutherans. On last Sunday (Nov. 30) the church was opened for the first time to the Disciples of Christ, President Hagerman preaching the first sermon. Prof. C. L. Loros occupied the pulpit at the night service. The pulpit will be occupied from time to time by different ministers until a regular organization can be affected, at which time a regular pastor will no doubt be employed. The church is now known as the Maryland Avenue Christian church.

President B. A. Jenkins is announced for a meeting at the Broadway church, Lexington, in February. He has just closed a series of Biblical lectures in Richmond.

Kentucky has just lost by death one of her oldest ministers in the person of Bro. J. B. McGinn, who died at his home in Versailles last evening after a lingering illness with cancer of the throat. He was a pioneer in the restoration movement and preached for several of our largest and strongest

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Jno. B. Dickson has just closed a successful meeting at Morehead, which resulted in thirty additions.

Jos. D. Armistead recently closed a two week's meeting with "home forces" at Kirksville, Madison county, with thirteen additions, twelve by baptism.

W. T. Wells of Bowling Green recently assisted C. E. Moore in a meeting at Greenwood, Hixman county, which resulted in thirteen additions. J. H. Teel is now assisting Bro. Moore in a meeting at Clinton.

"Burgess Hall" at Morehead was dedicated on Nov. 29. Addresses were made by Gov. Beckham, President Jenkins, Superintendent of Education McChesney and others. The

day was an auspicious one. We rejoice with Bro. Button and the good women of our C. W. B. M. in the splendid success of Morehead academy.

The announcement has been made that the new church building in Paris is to be dedicated on the 28th inst. It is one of the handsomest buildings in the state. Geo. W. Kemper.

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CLEVELAND AND VICINITY.

A brief, but very suggestive, paper was read by Bro. C. H. Plattenburg before our ministerial meeting on Dec. 1, on "Points Needing Emphasis in Present Day Preaching." "The Union of All Believers in Christ," "The General Question of Salvation" and "Christian Ethics" were points special

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ly mentioned. Bro. Plattenburg is getting into the hearts of his people, and the work at the Franklin Circle church is feeling the benefit of his enthusiasm and successful experience in Christian work.

There have been twenty-three additions to the Dunham Avenue church in the last month, five of them by confession and baptism; six have been added by letter at Euclid Avenue; five by letter, and three by confession at Cedar Avenue; one by letter at Collinwood; four by letter from the Baptists, at Glenville.

J. N. Scholes and his Collinwood church are deep in a local option campaign in their village, in connection with the other churches and the reform forces. The prospect for the village going "dry" is very encouraging.

Arrangements will be made for a foreign missionary rally in Cleveland early in the new year.

M. B. Ryan.

INSTALLATION OF HILL M. BELL

Prof. Alfred M. Haggard, dean of the College of the Bible, Drake university, has kindly sent us copies of the Iowa Register and leader, which contains full report of the installation of Drake's new dean, Hill McClelland Bell. If space permitted we would gladly publish the entire report, but we must content ourselves with giving our readers the following:

Prof. Charles O. Denny presided and introduced the speakers. After speaking of the connection of the university and the city he delivered a brief address on retiring Dean Shepard and a sketch of the new dean.

The first speaker was Dr. B. E. Shepperd, representing the faculty of the college of liberal arts. He spoke of the ability of Dean Bell to cope with the duties of the office, and closed by saying that no matter how far the trustees had searched they could not have chosen a man who was more fit for the position.

C. C. Dowell appeared for the alumni. He stated that the university had honored itself in honoring Dean Bell.

Dean Haggard was the spokesman of the other departments of the university, and dwelt on the relation of Christianity to the institution.

Dr. I. N. McNash spoke for the community. The city of Des Moines was represented by Superintendent of Schools S. H. Sheakley. Dr. Breeden, in behalf of the churches of the city, claimed he was the person who first suggested Pres. Bell for the principalship of Grinnell college, thus bringing him to Des Moines. He assured the dean that the churches of the city felt perfectly safe with the reins of authority in his hands.

Hon. R. C. Barrett spoke for the educators of the state.

Ex-Gov. Francis M. Drake was to have been present, but through an accident was unable to attend. Prof. Denny, however, read the following letter from Mr. Drake, which was received with enthusiasm:

Prof. Charles O. Denny, Drake University: My Dear Professor—It is with deep regret that I am compelled to inform you that owing to another accident I am not able to make the trip to Des Moines and be with you on the occasion you have so nicely arranged to do honor to Dean Bell in recognition of his elevation to the dignity of dean of the college of liberal arts. It would do me proud to be present and as representative of the board of trustees speak words of appreciation and commendation of such a man who has by strict application and devotion to the best interests of the university arisen to such an eminent position and won his way by his personal merit. And to express my feeling in words of just appreciation for what he has done, and is doing, as I believe, unselfishly, to further the interests of the institution and the great work it is destined to perform.

Yours truly,

F. M. Drake.

In the absence of Gov. Drake, J. B. Burton on behalf of the board of trustees presented Dean Bell with his formal commission.

The following is a brief outline of Dean Bell's address: He first called attention to certain evils which beset the educational problem. Among these evils he mentioned commercialism and the craze for numbers and erroneous views concerning the mission of professional schools. In the second place he discussed the question raised by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university as to the short college course; against the Columbian Educator he quoted President Schurman of Cornell, Woodrow Wilson of Princeton and all the leaders in Iowa education.

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where it has been fairly tried." On college morals he said many good things: "It shall be our aim to maintain a school that shall give to the world warm-hearted, sympathetic, temperate and courageous Christian men and women. In our efforts to do this we are highly favored by our environment. Probably nowhere else could we go to find influences more helpful than those which prevail in University Place. From all of our colleges comes the word that the percentages of Christian students is greater than ever before and that the tendency to excesses of every sort has greatly decreased."

He spoke some very wise words concerning college sports. He pleaded for such ideals in education as will save us from the snares of prosperity and vividly set forth what the College of Liberal Arts could do for the different types of students.

The following is an abstract of the congratulatory address by Alfred M. Haggard: The world chooses its leaders almost wholly from the ranks of educated men and women. No vocation is superior to that of the real teacher. The man of Galilee, the man of all ages, said: "Go, teach all nations." Dean Bell is a real teacher among teachers. As such I congratulate him. All education is more or less Christian. But some institutions are more distinctively Christian than others. Drake university is pre-eminently Christian. Its founder prizes it as much for its Christianity as for all its remaining characteristics. Many of its supporters prize it more for that than for all other reasons. I congratulate Dean Bell upon his hearty sympathy with the founder and the principal supporters of Drake university. I congratulate the man, who in heart and in life, represents one of the broadest and truest types of Christianity. A real university carries forward all important lines of post-graduate work. All these lines depend upon the College of Liberal Arts. This college lays the granite foundation. The other colleges must build thereon. As the layer of strong foundations for the law and the Gospel, for medicine and the teaching fraternity, for the best life and the highest success in all callings, I congratulate you.

Z. T. Sweeney in Buffalo.

We were all made exceedingly glad yesterday morning by the wholly unexpected appearance in our church—the Richmond Avenue—of our beloved brother, Z. T. Sweeney of Columbus, Ind. Bro. Sweeney was on his way to keep a lecture appointment and stopped over a train to meet and greet his many friends and admirers in our church, where some five years ago he held a memorable series of meetings, resulting in a large number of accessions to our membership. At the request of our pastor, Dr. J. M. Philpott,

Bro. Sweeney spoke for us at the morning service—and such a sermon! We all felt that we had received spiritual nourishment which would delight and satisfy us for the rest of our lives. I make no attempt to report the discourse, as, of course, it will be used many times more, and ought to be left to come in all its freshness and novelty and power to those who are privileged to hear it. It was grand, sublime, uplifting; broad in reach and yet condensed in statement, showing almost marvelous research and yet wholly free from affectation; lofty in spirit, but sweetly

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Anson G. Chester.

NEBRASKA SECRETARY'S LETTER.

Omaha First church had six additions on the 30th. Meeting closed on 23d with thirty-seven additions.

North Side church, Omaha, closed on 30th. A total of forty-seven added to the church. Bro. Bicknell will hold a short meeting in Benton Harbor,

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The secretary had the pleasure of dining with the Monday club at Omaha.

Mrs. M. H. Baum of 1618 California street, Omana, can be had to lead the music in evangelistic meetings.

Four added by letter at First church, Lincoln, on the 30th.

Beatrice meeting is swinging along at a good pace.

Harvard will give \$25.00 special missionary money for state work in addition to the \$60. on apportionment.

J. S. Been just closed a five weeks' meeting in Magnet, a little town in northern Nebraska. The secretary assisted in organizing them on the 30th of November, when about forty were enrolled. Some of these have been members elsewhere, but most of them are recruits.

J. K. Hester has been called to the bedside of a brother at Moulton, Ia., who is very sick.

Geo. Lobingier supplied at Ulysses on the last Lord's day in November. Ernest C. Nicholson of Waldron, Mich., will be there on the two succeeding Lord's days. We hope to locate him.

The meeting at York, Simpson Ely preaching, is progressing.

R. A. Givens assisted in a meeting at Beaver Crossing and is available for another at once.

R. A. Martin is now engaged in a meeting at Elmwood. Results not reported. Cyrus Alton will hold a meeting at Fremont, Mich., after the holidays. This good brother ought to be kept in Nebraska. He baptized two at Elmwood recently.

The North Platte meeting closed with two additions, but the work done

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was faithfully done, and cannot fail to result in much good. Bro. Swander is a faithful pastor and preacher, and while in a place like that the growth will be slow, let us hope and believe that it is permanent.

Ogden is now at Minden. He organized at Ainsworth with twenty-one members and they are at work. Naturally they need a preacher. They meet for the present in the courthouse.

I take this way of announcing that the committee on pulpit supply recommended by the state convention is at work. The members of this committee are Judge W. W. Slabaugh, Omaha, chairman, Judge J. E. Cobby Beatrice and S. Roberts, Ulysses. At its first meeting I was asked to act in the capacity of the clerk, and I am doing this, not as a member of the committee, but as its recording and corresponding secretary. All communications may come to me, though applications directly to any member of the committee will receive prompt attention. A system of blanks has been prepared for use, and it is hoped that the work may come to be increasingly helpful. Much work has already been done, and two meetings of the committee held. Write your needs whether church or preacher and the committee will do all it can for you.

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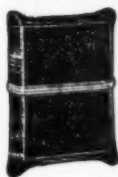
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